



The 2009 Annual Town Report is dedicated to several members of our Community, once active in Town or School government, and community activities, who left us this past year.

*Our hope is that they are on a journey to a better place.*

#### **Marilyn Baker**

Marilyn lived in Fremont for more than 25 years and was always involved in the community. Marilyn served on the Conservation Commission in 1990 and 1991; moving to the Fremont Planning Board from 1991 to 2004; as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission 1996 to 2001; and on the Budget Committee from 1993 to 2004. She was also a member of the Historical Society and active in the People's United Methodist Church. She assisted with the Safety Complex Building Committee and helped at many elections counting ballots. Marilyn's husband Jack continues to be active on the Town's Zoning Board of Adjustment and in the church. Jack & Marilyn were recognized with the Town Report Appreciation Award in 2006.

#### **Eleanor Gates**

Eleanor had for many years, served as Grand Marshal of the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Observance. Eleanor was a World War II Veteran, serving in the US Army Nurses Corp. She moved to Fremont in 1957. Her son Donald Gates Jr has served for many years on the Board of Selectmen.

#### **George Steele**

George Steele, 97, holder of the Boston Post Cane for Fremont, died peacefully at home in August. George is fondly remembered for his constant cheerful humming and offering to share a mint. George was a US Navy Veteran, serving from 1942 - 1971, was a Chief Petty Officer and served in the Pacific in World War II on the cruiser Pasadena. He earned five Medals and entitled to wear a Silver and Bronze Star.

#### **George Towle**

George Towle was a Fremont native, born here June 5, 1921. He lived the last years of his life with his daughters in Arizona. George was a rural mail carrier in Fremont many years. He served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II. George was active in the Bicentennial Committee in 1963-1964.

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*"All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on."*

*~ Henry Ellis*

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*Fremont was originally known as Poplin until July 8, 1854 when the name was changed to Fremont after the honorable John Charles Fremont, the Great Pathfinder and the first Republican Presidential candidate.*

Excerpted from writings by Matthew Thomas  
"Fremont NH, A Town of Distinction"  
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**Darrell E Turner**

Shortly in to the new year, Fremont Fire Department Deputy Chief Darrell E Turner lost his courageous battle with cancer. Darrell was a lifelong resident of Fremont and US Navy Veteran, serving in Vietnam.

In addition to a notable 34 years of service to the Town with the Fremont Fire Department, Darrell was a member of the Department's Dive Team as a certified diver. He was also active with the ambulance and rescue.

Darrell was always active in planning, preparing, and organizing the Military troops for the Annual Memorial Day Observance.

Darrell was a talented craftsman, taking on many projects. He constructed the bulletin board sign in front of the Fremont Town Hall.

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**Fond remembrances of all those community members who are no longer with us.**

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"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future,  
concentrate the mind on the present moment."

~ Buddha

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